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FINANCIAL CRISIS FACED BY ORISSA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the State Government of Orissa has been facing a serious financial crisis due to successive flood in that State; and

(b) If so, the steps taken to rescue the State Government from the financial crisis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Orissa`s finances have deteriorated over the past few years on account of its revenue realisation falling consistently short of its committed expenditure and rising non-plan expenditure including that on calamity relief.

(b) To meet the immediate requirements of relief a sum of Rs.100 crores (adhoc basis) was released under the National Calamity Contingency Fund. This is in addition to Rs.86.21 crores of the Calamity Relief Fund which is Govt. of India`s contribution for2001-02. Temporary mismatches between the receipts and expenditures of the State, are bridged by a combination of feasible releases from the Centre.